

Fifty-first Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District

“Grace Abounds – 100 Years of Grace”

Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN

June 12-14, 2018

Tuesday Morning, Session 1, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM		
9:00 AM	Opening Service - MLC - Chapel of the Christ	Pastor Donald Sutton
11:00 AM	Organization of Convention	
	• Committee # 1: Credentials and Membership	Pastor Paul Tessmer
	• Greetings from Martin Luther College	Mr. Steven Thiesfeldt
	• Additional Greetings	
	• Committee # 17: Housing	Pastor Jeffrey Schone
	• Committee # 16: Convention Steering	Pastor Dennis Klatt
	• Committee # 6: Media Relations	Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
	• Committee # 14: Courtesy and Printing	Pastor John Boeder
	• Committee # 15: Copy Review	Pastor Jon Bitter
	• Committee # 3: Nominations Committee	Pastor Henry Koch
11:25 AM	President’s Report	President Charles Degner
11:50 AM	Committee # 5: Elections	Mr. Michael Butzow
12:00 PM	LUNCH	
Tuesday Afternoon, Session 2, 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM		
1:30 PM	Devotion # 1: Grace Preserves the Word	Pastor Matthew Pfeifer
1:45 PM	Session 1 Minutes Committee # 5: Elections	Secretary Michael Hatzung Mr. Michael Butzow
2:00 PM	Presentation: “Grace Abounds - A History of the Minnesota District”	Pastor Timothy Smith
3:15 PM	RECESS	
3:30 PM	Committee # 5: Elections	Mr. Michael Butzow

3:45 PM	Report: WELS Synodical Council (NPH Video)	Mr. Paul Holzhueter
4:00 PM	Report: Friends of China	Rev. Marcus Birkholz
4:15 PM	The Lutheran Home	Pastor Joel Gaertner
4:30 PM	Committee # 5 Elections	Mr. Michael Butzow
4:45 PM	Committee #3: Nominations Committee	Pastor Henry Koch
5:00 PM	Announcements Closing Prayer	
5:15 PM	Preliminary Committee Meetings	
5:30 PM	SUPPER	
Tuesday Evening, 6:15 PM - TBD		
6:15 PM	Committee Meetings Circuit Pastors	
7:35 PM	Biennial Meeting of LIMA (Lutheran Institutional Ministry Association)	
8:30 PM	Committee Meetings	
Wednesday Morning, Session 3, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM		
8:30 AM	Devotion # 2: Grace Gathers the Church	Pastor Wayne Schoch
9:00 AM	Session 2 Minutes Committee # 5: Elections	Secretary Michael Hatzung Mr. Michael Butzow
9:15 AM	WELS Report	President Mark Schroeder
9:45 AM	Grace In Action	Pastor Don Sutton Mr. Scott Gostchock
10:00 AM	China Partners	Pastor Mark Cordes
10:15 AM	WELS Hymnal Committee	Professor Keith Wessel
10:30 AM	RECESS	
10:45 AM	Committee # 5: Elections	Mr. Michael Butzow
10:50 AM	Synod Committee # 4: Resolutions Committee	Pastor James Panning
11:00 AM	Report: WIF & WELS Foundation	John Wenker
11:15 AM	Reports from District Commissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Missions • Lutheran Schools • Adult Discipleship • Evangelism 	Pastor Timothy Bode Teacher David Gartner Pastor Daniel Voigt Pastor Stephen Meyer
11:45 AM	Announcements Closing Prayer	
12:00 PM	LUNCH	

Wednesday Afternoon, Session 4, 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM		
1:30 PM	Devotion #3: Grace Equips the Church	Pastor Clayton Welch
1:45 PM	Session 3 Minutes	Secretary Michael Hatzung
1:50 PM	Committee # 5: Elections	Mr. Michael Butzow
2:00 PM	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School	Mr. Timothy Plath
2:10 PM	St. Croix Lutheran Academy	Mr. Rick Gibson
2:20 PM	West Lutheran High School	Mr. Adam Weichmann
3:00 PM	RECESS	
3:15 PM	Convention Business	
	• Committee # 12: Special Matters	Pastor Mark Kaesmeyer
	• Committee # 7: Home Missions	Pastor David Russow
	• Committee # 8: World Missions	Pastor Peter Sulzle
	• Committee # 9: Ministerial Education	Mr. Daniel Plath
	• Committee # 10: Congregational & District Ministries	Pastor Paul Welke
	• Committee # 11: Ministry Support	Pastor Steve Waldschmidt
4:30 PM	African Missions	Pastor Daniel Kroll
5:00 PM	Announcements Closing Prayer	Pastor Jeff Bovee
5:30 PM	SUPPER	
Wednesday Evening, Session 5, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM		
7:00 PM	Session 4 Minutes	Secretary Michael Hatzung
7:05 PM	WELS Christian Aid & Relief	Video
7:10 PM	WELS Congregational Services	Pastor Michael Hintz
7:40 PM	• District Constitution Committee	Pastor Kurt Hagen
	• District Legislation Committee	Mr. Michael Valleau
	Reports from District Commissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Ministries/CCCW • Worship • Youth Discipleship 	Pastor Darren Green Professor David Bauer Pastor Matthew Ewart
8:10 PM	Report: Ministry of Christian Giving	Pastor Michael Hatzung

8:25 PM	Announcements	
8:30 PM	Chapel of the Christ Devotion # 4: Grace Produces Fruit	Pastor Keith Schreiner
Thursday Morning, Session 6, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM		
8:30 AM	Devotion # 5: <i>Grace Will Bring Us Home</i>	Pastor Craig Engel
8:45 AM	Session 5 Minutes & Setting of Date for 2020 Convention	Secretary Michael Hatzung
8:50 AM	Martin Luther College Report	President Mark Zarling
9:10 AM	WELS Home & World Missions	Pastor Larry Schlomer
9:30 AM	Committee Reports	
	• Unfinished reports	
	• Committee # 1: Membership	Pastor Paul Tessmer
	• Committee # 4: Resolutions and President's Report	Pastor James Panning
	• Committee # 3: Nominations	Pastor Henry Koch
10:15 AM	RECESS	
10:30 AM	Ministry of Christian Giving	Pastor Jon Brohn
	• Committee # 2: Registration	Teacher David Gartner
	• Committee # 13: Excuses	Pastor Keith Siverly
	• President and Mrs. Degner Farewell & Thank You	Pastor Donald Sutton
11:00 AM	Unfinished Business • Session 6 Minutes • President's Closing Remarks • Adjournment	Pastor Michael Hatzung
11:15 AM	Closing Service: Chapel of the Christ	Pastor Stephen Smith
12:00PM	LUNCH	

Minnesota District Floor Chairmen	
2018 Committee Name	Committee Chairman
#01 Credentials and Membership	Pastor Paul Tessmer
#02 Registration	Mr. David Gartner
#03 Nominations	Pastor Henry Koch
#04 Resolutions	Pastor James Panning
#05 Elections	Mr. Michael Butzow
#06 Media Relations	Pastor Jeff Bovee
#07 Home Missions	Pastor David Russow
#08 World Missions	Pastor Peter Sulzle
#09 Ministerial Education	Mr. Daniel Plath
#10 Congregational & District Ministry	Pastor Paul Welke
#11 Ministry Support	Pastor Steve Waldschmidt
#12 Special Matters	Pastor Mark Kaesmeyer
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#15 Copy Review	Pastor Jon Bitter
#16 Convention Steering	Pastor Dennis Klatt
#17 Housing	Pastor Jeff Schone

District Resource People	
Synodical Council	Mr. Paul Holzhueter
Lutheran Schools	Teacher David Gartner, chairman
Adult Discipleship	Pastor Daniel Voigt, chairman
Evangelism	Pastor Stephen Meyer, chairman
Special Ministries & CCCW	Pastor Darren Green, chairman
Worship	Prof. David Bauer, chairman
Youth & Family Discipleship	Pastor Matthew Ewart, chairman
Ministry of Christian Giving	Pastor Jonathan Brohn
District Mission Board	Pastor Timothy Bode, chairman
Constitution	Pastor Kurt Hagen, chairman
Nominating	Pastor Henry Koch, chairman
Legislation	Mr. Michael Valleau, chairman
Continuing Education	Pastor James Witt, chairman
Parliamentarian	Pastor Stephen Smith

Report Submitted by:

Committee #16 Convention Steering
 Pastor Dennis Klatt, chairman